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Education

Independent building for the Government Institute of Commerce.

* 485 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken to provide the Government Institute of Commerce with an independent building ; and

(*b*) how long this Institute has been in working in Madras and whether the Government have any idea of re-organizing it ?

A.—(*a*) A site on the Esplanade for the construction of a building for the Government Institute of Commerce has been chosen and provision has been made in the current year's budget for a beginning to be made in the construction of the building.

(*b*) The Government Institute of Commerce was opened on 3rd September 1918. No proposal for the re-organization of the Institute is under consideration.

Vernaculars as medium of instruction in high schools.

* 486 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and if so, what steps to encourage the imparting of instruction in all non-language subjects through the medium of the vernaculars in all high schools in the Presidency ?

A.—A circular has been issued to managers of schools informing them that they are at liberty to choose either English or vernacular as the medium of instruction in Forms IV, V and VI of high schools. Question papers in non-language subjects at the S.S.L.C. Public examination are set both in English and in the vernacular languages.

Committee appointed by Government to consider the problem of physical education.

* 487 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the names of the members of the Committee appointed by the Government to consider the problem of physical education in the Presidency in accordance with the resolution passed in the Council on 24th January 1928 ; and

(*b*) whether the committee has submitted any report ; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) The names of the members of the committee appointed by the Government to report on physical education in secondary schools for boys are as follow :—

(1) The hon. Mr. Justice H. O. C. Beasley, *President.*
(2) Mr. H. O. Kershaw, Inspector of European Schools.
(3) Mr. S. E. Ranganathan, Additional Professor of English, Presidency College, Madras.
(4) M.R.Ry. C. Ramaswami Nayudu Garu, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Bellary.